

TITLE: LARGE ELASTIC MOMENTUM CONDUCTION MEMBER
OF IC DEVICE SOCKET

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

(a) Technical Field of the Invention

5 The present invention is related to an IC device socket, and more particularly to a large elastic momentum conduction member of IC socket.

(b) Description of the Prior Art

Generally the structure of a terminal of an IC device, particularly a central process unit (CPU), may be classified into three types of arrays, respectively the Pin Grid Array (P.G.A.), the Ball Grid Array (B. G. A.) and the Land Grid Array (L.G.A.).

10 As taught in USA Patent No. 5,456,613, a socket specific for the P.G.A. IC device is provided. However, the socket is very thick to fail the requirements of being compact since the P.G.A. type of IC device is disposed of an extremely long terminal, and it takes a conduction member in compatible height to be embedded in the thick insulation plate for it to contact the terminal of the IC device and the conduction contact of the PCB.

15 Later the B.G.A. type of IC device permits a significantly reduced in length for the terminal has been developed by changing the pin terminal of the P.G.A. type of IC device into ball grid, e.g. tin ball or copper ball, such as the

socket specific to the B.G.A. type of IC device disclosed in US Patent No. 5,419,710.

The latest development of the L.G.A. type of IC device in flat land grid array allows less complicate structure, lower production cost and better 5 conduction results, such as those taught in US Patent Nos. 5,192,213; 5,199,889; 4,232,372; 5,320,550; 5,362,241 and 5,289,819 to provide many types of sockets in different structures.

To reduce the size of the IC device, the spacing between any two abutted contact terminals must be made narrower and denser, such as 1.27, 1.0, 0.8 10 and 0.5m generally provided. Within such a small space, it is already very difficult to insert a conduction member. Should the purpose of having sufficient space to allow the up and down elastic momentum for the conduction member be a must, the retractable elastic part of the conduction member is permitted only to extend in the direction at right angle to the 15 conduction terminal of the IC device, resulting in extremely great thickness of the existing socket. Furthermore, the structure for the elastic part extending toward the conduction terminal of the IC device at a right angle not only requires an even more complicate structure, but also fails to provide sufficient space for the up and down elastic momentum.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The primary purpose of the present invention is to provide a large elastic momentum conduction member of IC socket to achieve the following purposes:

- 5 1. At least one contactor to have reliable contact with a conduction terminal of the IC device shall be provided to a first elastic momentum of the conduction member of the present invention.
2. At least one contactor to have reliable contact with a conduction terminal of the IC device shall be provided to a second elastic momentum of the conduction member of the present invention.
- 10 3. Furthermore, a mosaic part of the conduction member of the present invention can be embedded into an insulation plate.

To achieve the purposes, the elastic momentum part of the large elastic momentum conduction member of an IC device socket of the present invention is extended from the mosaic part at a certain inclination or curvature; and when the conduction member is compressed by the IC device to its final contact location, the length of the elastic momentum part projected on the insulation plate becomes greater than the spacing of any two abutted terminals. Consequently, the elastic momentum part for not being subject to the smaller 20 spacing as described above becomes longer, gives larger elastic momentum,

and consumes less space in its height for better contact results.

The foregoing object and summary provide only a brief introduction to the present invention. To fully appreciate these and other objects of the present invention as well as the invention itself, all of which will become 5 apparent to those skilled in the art, the following detailed description of the invention and the claims should be read in conjunction with the accompanying drawings. Throughout the specification and drawings identical reference numerals refer to identical or similar parts.

Many other advantages and features of the present invention will become 10 manifest to those versed in the art upon making reference to the detailed description and the accompanying sheets of drawings in which a preferred structural embodiment incorporating the principles of the present invention is shown by way of illustrative example.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a first preferred embodiment of a conduction member of the present invention.

5 FIG. 2 is a perspective view of a second preferred embodiment of the conduction member of the present invention.

FIG. 3 is a perspective view of a fifth preferred embodiment of the conduction member of the present invention.

FIG. 4 is a perspective view of a ninth preferred embodiment of the conduction member of the present invention.

10 FIG. 5 is a perspective view of a fourteenth preferred embodiment of the conduction member of the present invention.

FIG. 6 is a sectional view showing that the first preferred embodiment of the conduction member of the present invention is embedded in an insertion hole of an insulation plate.

15 FIG. 7 is a sectional view showing that the second preferred embodiment of the conduction member of the present invention is embedded in an insertion hole of an insulation plate before the IC device has not yet been pressed down.

FIG.8 is a sectional view showing that the second preferred embodiment of the conduction member of the present invention is embedded in an insertion hole of an insulation plate after the IC device has been pressed down.

FIG. 9 is a sectional view showing that the third preferred embodiment of the conduction member of the present invention is embedded in an insertion hole of an insulation plate before the IC device and the insulation plate have not yet been pressed down.

5 FIG. 10 is a sectional view showing that the third preferred embodiment of the conduction member of the present invention is embedded in an insertion hole of an insulation plate before the IC device has not yet been pressed down but the insulation plate has been pressed down.

10 FIG. 11 is a sectional view showing that the third preferred embodiment of the conduction member of the present invention is embedded in an insertion hole of an insulation plate after both of the IC device and the insulation plate have been pressed down.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

The following descriptions are of exemplary embodiments only, and are not intended to limit the scope, applicability or configuration of the invention in any way. Rather, the following description provides a convenient

5 illustration for implementing exemplary embodiments of the invention.

Various changes to the described embodiments may be made in the function and arrangement of the elements described without departing from the scope of the invention as set forth in the appended claims.

Referring to FIGS. 1 and 6 for a first preferred embodiment of a
10 conduction member 50 of the present invention, multiple large elastic momentum conduction members 50 are each embedded one by one into an insertion hole 52 of an insulation plate 51 to respectively contact multiple corresponding contacts 54 provided on a circuit board 53, and multiple terminals 56 disposed on an IC device 55 so to conduct where between the
15 conduction contact 54 and the terminal 56.

The conduction member 50 includes a mosaic part 57, a first elastic momentum part 58, multiple first contactors 59 (two in the first preferred embodiment), and a second contactor 60. Wherein, the mosaic part 57 is provided with a first end 571 and a second end 472; the mosaic part 57 is
20 embedded into the insertion hole 52 of the insulation plate 51. The first

elastic momentum part 58 laterally extends at a certain inclination or curvature from the first end 571 of the mosaic part 57. When the conduction member 50 is subject to the compression by the IC device 55 to a final contact position, a length (L1) projected by the first elastic momentum part 58 on the insulation plate 51 becomes greater than a spacing P between any two abutted terminals 56 of the IC device 55. The first contactor 59 is made integrated with a free end of the elastic momentum part 58 so to slide and contact the terminal 56 when the terminal 56 is pressed. The second contactor 60 made integrated with and extended downward from the second end 572, or as illustrated in FIGS. 2, 7 and 8, is further folded so to contact and conduct with multiple contacts 54 disposed on the insulation plate 53. Furthermore, a protrusion 573 may be provided on a local position to facilitate embedding the mosaic part 57 into the insertion hole 52.

As illustrated in FIG. 1, two first contactors 59 are protruded from the surface of the first elastic momentum part 58 with the tops of both contactors 59 to contact two different parts of the terminal 56 of the IC device.

In a second preferred embodiment of the conduction member 50 of the present invention as illustrated in FIGS. 2, 7, and 8, a soldering part 61 made integrated with and extended from the second end 572. As illustrated, the soldering part 61 may extend toward in the direction of or in the opposite

direction away from the first elastic momentum part 58 to be soldered to the insulation plate 53. Other than the soldering part 61, the remaining structure of the second preferred embodiment is exactly the same as that of the first preferred embodiment.

5 FIGS. 3, 9, 10, 11 show a third preferred embodiment of the conduction member 50 of the present invention. Wherein, the conduction member 50 further includes a second elastic momentum part 62 and a second contactor 60'. The second elastic momentum part 62 is made integrated with and laterally extended from the second end 572 at a certain inclination or curvature. Once 10 the conduction member 50 for being compressed by the IC device 55 to the final contact position, a length (L2) projected by the second elastic momentum part 62 on the insulation plate 51 is greater than the spacing P between any two abutted terminals 56 of the IC device 55. The contactor 60' is made integrated with on the distal end on the surface of the second elastic 15 momentum part 62 to facilitate sliding and contacting to conduct with the conduction contact 54. Other than the second elastic momentum part 62 and the second contactor 60', the remaining structure of the third preferred embodiment is exactly the same as that of the first preferred embodiment.

Now referring to FIG. 4 for a fourth preferred embodiment of the 20 conduction member 50 of the present invention, two flaps 575 folded in the

direction facing away the first elastic momentum part 58 are extended from both sides of the mosaic part 57; and both flaps 575 are made facing to each other to facilitate the force applied by jigs to secure the mosaic part 57 in the insertion hole 52. Furthermore, a slot 63 is provided to the first elastic 5 momentum part 58 and connected through its free end to allow the slot 63 to form an opening 64 at the free end of the first elastic momentum part 58. Two first contactors 59 are respectively provided on and protruded from both inner edges of the opening 64 to contact by their tops on two different positions on the terminal of the IC device. The fourth preferred embodiment 10 of the conduction member 50 of the present invention is also disposed with a soldering part 61.

In a fifth preferred embodiment of the conduction member 50 of the present invention as illustrated in FIG. 5, all the mosaic part 57, the first elastic momentum part 58 and the second elastic momentum part 62 are each made 15 in a flat plate structure.

It will be understood that each of the elements described above, or two or more together may also find a useful application in other types of methods differing from the type described above.

While certain novel features of this invention have been shown and 20 described and are pointed out in the annexed claim, it is not intended to be

limited to the details above, since it will be understood that various omissions, modifications, substitutions and changes in the forms and details of the device illustrated and in its operation can be made by those skilled in the art without departing in any way from the spirit of the present invention.